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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on August 4, 2004, the Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Although Applicants agree that the present claims are allowable over the prior art of record, Applicants do not wish for the Examiner's reasons for allowance to be binding on Applicants in any manner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully decline to accept the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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- (X) 3 sheets of formal drawing(s). Please substitute these formal drawing(s) for the informal drawing(s) originally filed.
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Examiner's approval of the entry of these drawings is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

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